

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-132-83

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FARIAS V. WOODS: PAYMENT OF RETROACTIVE AFDC-FOSTER CARE  
TO RELATED CARETAKERS OF FEDERALLY ELIGIBLE CHILDREN

As a result of public hearing testimony, regulations which implement the Farias v. Woods Superior Court order have been amended. The majority of amendments are minor technical changes and clarifications, however, one significant amendment has been made which county welfare departments should be aware.

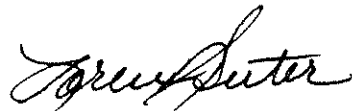
The application period for Farias v. Woods retroactive benefits previously began June 1, 1983, and continued through August 31, 1984. This application period has now been extended so that applications will be accepted through October 31, 1984.

Testimony presented at the public hearing July 20, 1983, stated that many Farias v. Woods provisions were not implemented on June 1, 1983, when the regulations became effective and that the interests of some potential claimants would be jeopardized by limiting the application period to 15 months. The 15-month period agreed to in the Farias v. Woods settlement was intended to insure that all current AFDC cases would be reviewed at annual redeterminations for potential eligibility and all claimants so identified would have time to make application. As several counties did not begin case review until August 1983, some current recipients would not have their cases reviewed for Farias eligibility until July 1984. The 60 day period during which a county must make a diligent search in accordance with Section 50-050.324(b) would expire after the August 31, 1984 cut-off date for applications for cases reviewed in July 1984, thereby prohibiting the claimant the opportunity to apply.

In order to assure that an application period as agreed to in the settlement is provided, the definition in Section 50-050.22 has been amended to read October 31, 1984. All other references to the application period have been changed to reflect this amendment.

Final regulations have been filed. Copies of the final regulations will be mailed as soon as they are available.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Foster Care Program Management Bureau at (916) 445-0813.

  
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